

A biblical scene depicting a golden cart pulled by two oxen. The cart is ornate, with a golden roof and two golden cherubs on top. The oxen are brown and have long horns. A crowd of people in traditional attire stands in the background. The scene is set in a hazy, outdoor environment.

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AND BIBLICAL AUTHORITY

(2 Samuel 6:1-11; 1 Chronicles 13:1-14; 15:1-29)

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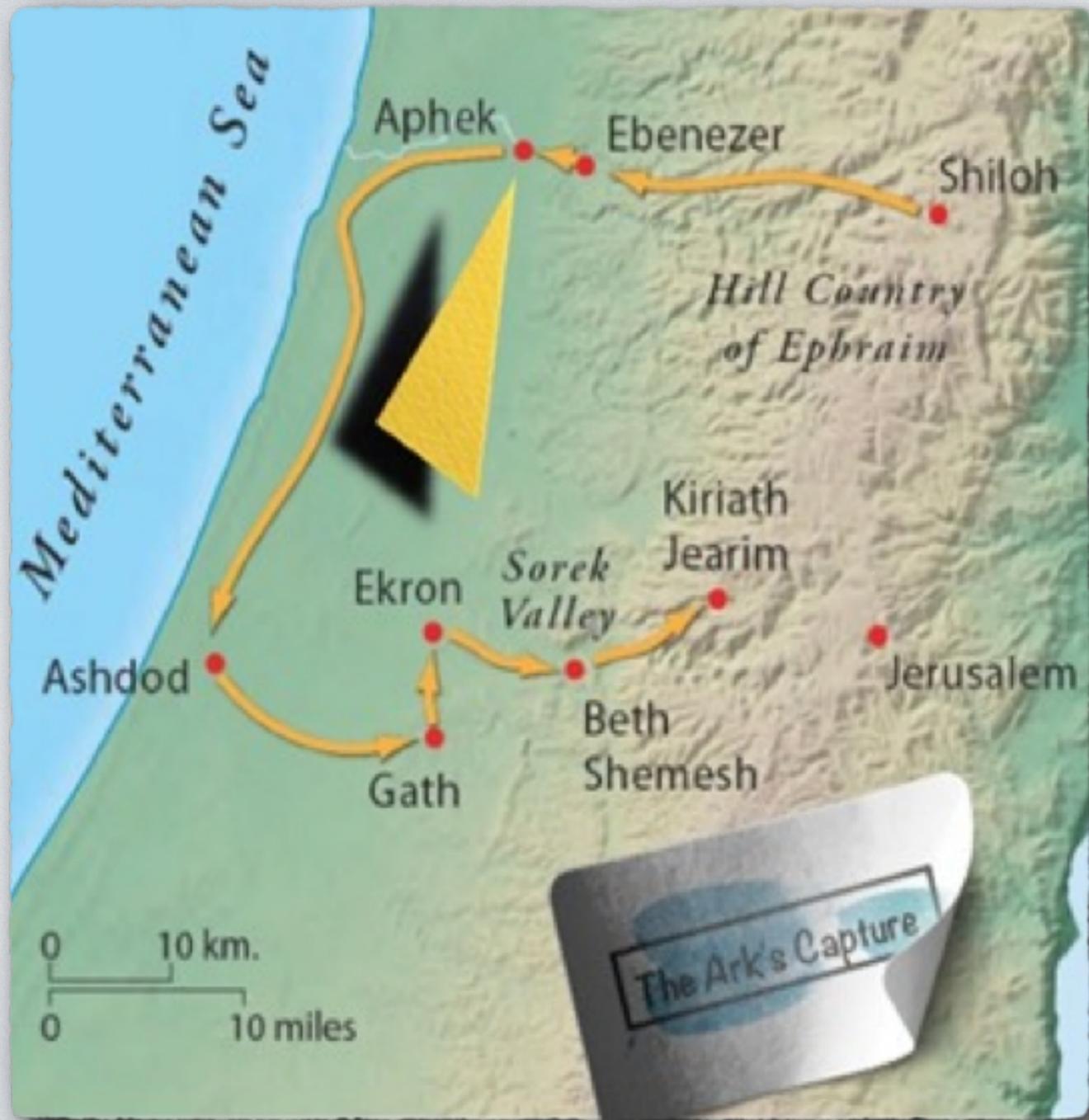
The Ark of God Takes A 7 Month Journey - 1 Sam 4-6



- The Ark of God Captured by The Philistines (1 Sam 4:1-11)
- When Eli heard, he "fell off the seat backward ... his neck was broken and he died (1 Sam 4:12-18)
- Phinehas' wife has a son / names him Ichabod [*"The glory has departed from Israel, for the ark of God has been captured"*] and then she dies (1 Sam 4:19-22)

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Philistines & the Ark:

- ▶ Ashdod: Dagon falls / people stricken with tumors (1 Sam 5:1-8)
- ▶ Men of Gath made sick with tumors also (1 Sam 5:9)
- ▶ Men of Ekron made sick with tumors - many died (1 Sam 5:10)
- ▶ Ark sent back to Israel (1 Sam 5:11,12)

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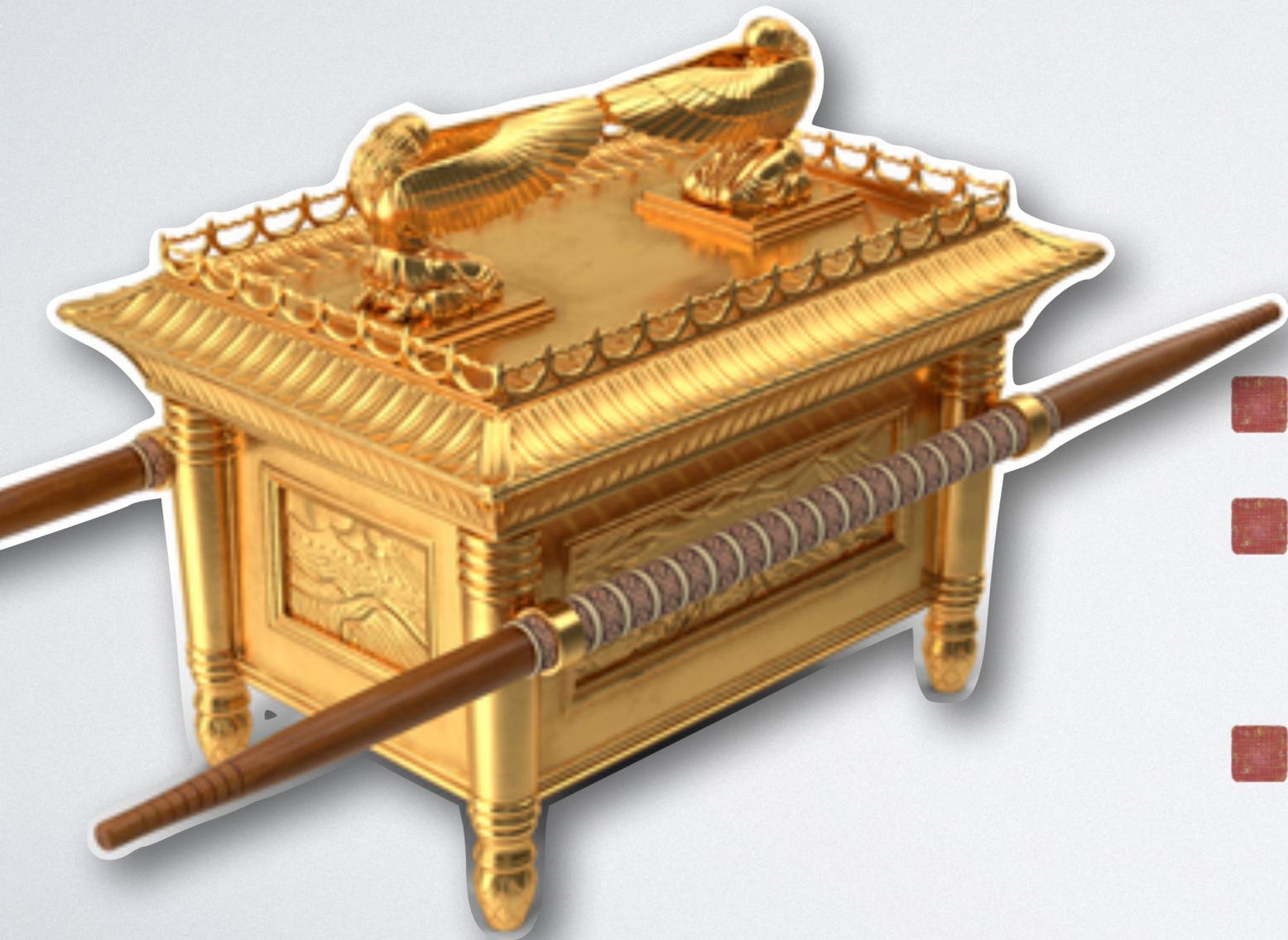
The Ark Taken Back To Israel - To Kirjath Jearim (1 Sam 6:13-7:1)



- Many men of Beth Shemesh die because they looked into the ark (1 Sam 6:13-19).
- “the men of Kirjath Jearim came and took the ark ... into the house of Abinadab on the hill, and consecrated Eleazar his son to keep the ark of the Lord.” (1 Sam 6:20-7:1)

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1 Samuel 4 — 2 Samuel 6 / 1094 to 1003 b.c.



- The ark was in Kirjath Jearim, in the house of Abinadab for 20 years when Samuel pleaded with the people (1 Samuel 7:2).
- Israel demands a king in 1 Sam 8.
- Saul appointed king & reigns for 42 years (1 Sam 9:1-31:6).
- Saul's son, Ishbosheth Made King of Israel & reigns 2 years (2 Sam 2:8-11; 4:5-8)

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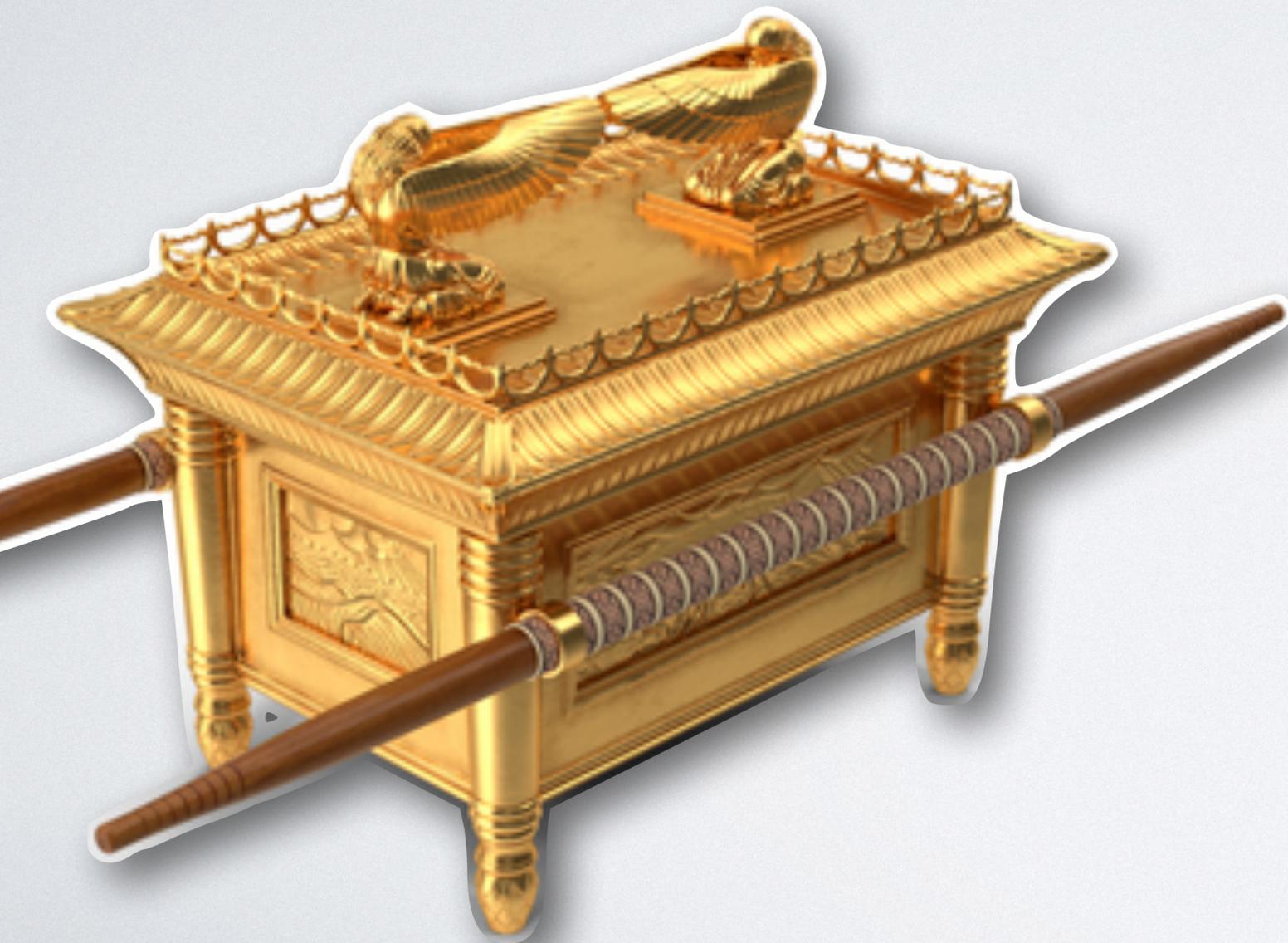
1 Samuel 4 — 2 Samuel 6 / 1094 to 1003 b.c.



- David reigns over Judah for 7 1/2 years (2 Sam. 2:11)
- There is civil war between Israel & Judah, (Ishbosheth & Abner vs. David & Joab) (2 Sam. 2:12-4:12)
- David is made king over all Israel (2 Sam. 5:1-5)

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1 Samuel 4 — 2 Samuel 6 / 1094 to 1003 b.c.



- David takes Jerusalem from the Jebusites / calls it “the city of David” (2 Sam 5:6-14)
- David drives the Philistines, out of Israel solidifying his kingdom (2 Sam 5:17-25)
- Now to retrieve the ark & bring it to Mount Zion (2 Sam 6:1,2; 1 Chron 13:5,6)

2 Samuel 6:1–11 (NKJV)

¹ Again David gathered all *the* choice *men* of Israel, thirty thousand.

² And David arose and went with all the people who *were* with him from Baale Judah to bring up from there the ark of God, whose name is called by the Name, the Lord of Hosts, who dwells

between the cherubim. ³ So they set the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which *was* on the hill; and Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, drove the new cart. ⁴

And they brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which *was* on the hill, accompanying the ark of God; and Ahio went before the ark. ⁵

Then David and all the house of Israel played *music* before the Lord on all kinds of *instruments of* fir wood, on harps, on stringed instruments, on tambourines, on sistrums, and on cymbals.

2 Samuel 6:1–11 (NKJV)

⁶ And when they came to Nachon's threshing floor, Uzzah put out *his hand* to the ark of God and took hold of it, for the oxen stumbled. ⁷ Then the anger of the Lord was aroused against Uzzah, and God struck him there for *his* error; and he died there by the ark of God. ⁸ And David became angry because of the Lord's outbreak against Uzzah; and he called the name of the place Perez Uzzah to this day. ⁹ David was afraid of the Lord that day; and he said, "How can the ark of the Lord come to me?" ¹⁰ So David would not move the ark of the Lord with him into the City of David; but David took it aside into the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite. ¹¹ The ark of the Lord remained in the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite three months. And the Lord blessed Obed-Edom and all his household.

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David's first attempt to bring the ark to Jerusalem was unsuccessful.

Uzzah loses his life.

David is afraid of the Lord.

What did David do wrong?

What did David learn?

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What David Did Wrong



- David's plans were formed using **“human wisdom”** instead of divine revelation (1 Chron 15:11-15)
- God had specified how the ark was to be moved (Num. 3:30-31; 4:15; 7:9; Exod. 25:14-15).
- **Thus David disobeyed God** (1 Chron 15:13)

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What Uzzah Did Wrong

1 Chronicles 13:10
(NKJV)

¹⁰ Then the anger of the Lord was aroused against Uzza, and He struck him because he put his hand to the ark; and he died there before God.

- Uzzah “put out *his hand* to the ark of God and took hold of” it, ... “and God struck him there for *his error*” (2 Sam 6:7; 1 Chron 13:10)
- Should have known better (Nu. 4:15, 19, 20)
- Though doing what he thought was good, Uzzah sinned, and He died.

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1 Chronicles 13:11–12 (NKJV)

¹¹ And David became angry because of the Lord's outbreak against Uzza; therefore that place is called Perez Uzza to this day. ¹² David was afraid of God that day, saying, "How can I bring the ark of God to me?"

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1 Chronicles 15:2 (NKJV)

2 Then David said, "No one may carry the ark of God but the Levites, for the Lord has chosen them to carry the ark of God and to minister before Him forever."



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1 Chronicles 15:13 (NKJV)

¹³ For because you *did not do it the first time*, the Lord our God broke out against us, because we did not consult Him about the proper order.”

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Lessons From David's New Ox Cart

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- **Popularity or public approval does not make one right (1 Chron 13:1-4).**
 - ▶ David consults every leader (v 1).
 - ▶ His plans met public approval (v 4).
 - ▶ He did not include consulting with God & His word. (1 Chron 15:13; Num. 3:30-31; 4:15; 7:9; Exod. 25:14-15; Ex 23:2).

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- **Popularity or public approval does not make one right (1 Chron 13:1-4).**
 - ▶ Homosexuality . . .
 - ▶ Fornication . . .
 - ▶ Divorce & Remarriage for any cause
 - ▶ Worship w/ instrumental music
 - ▶ Unauthorized organization & work of the church . . .

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- **Zeal does not make one right (2 Sam 6:1-5; 1 Chron 13:8).**
- ▶ David & Israel only wanted to honor God (1 Chron. 13:2)
- ▶ Prepared a new oxcart - made big plans / honored God with their words / but rushed ahead without “consulting the proper order” (1 Chronicles 13:5-8; cf. 15:13)



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- **Zeal does not make one right (2 Sam 6:1-5; 1 Chron 13:8).**
- ▶ **Zeal without truth is dangerous!**
- ▶ **The Jews in Paul's day were zealous for God but lost (Rom 10:1,2)**
- ▶ **We must be zealous & obedient (Gal 4:18; Eph 5:15-18)**



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- **Good intentions are insufficient** (1 Chron 13:2,3; Prov. 14:12; Acts 26:9–11).
- ▶ David and Israel had good intentions (2 Sam 6:2; 1 Chron. 13:3,4)
- ▶ Uzzah had good intentions when he reached out to steady the ark (2 Sam 6:6,7; 1 Chron. 13:10,11)



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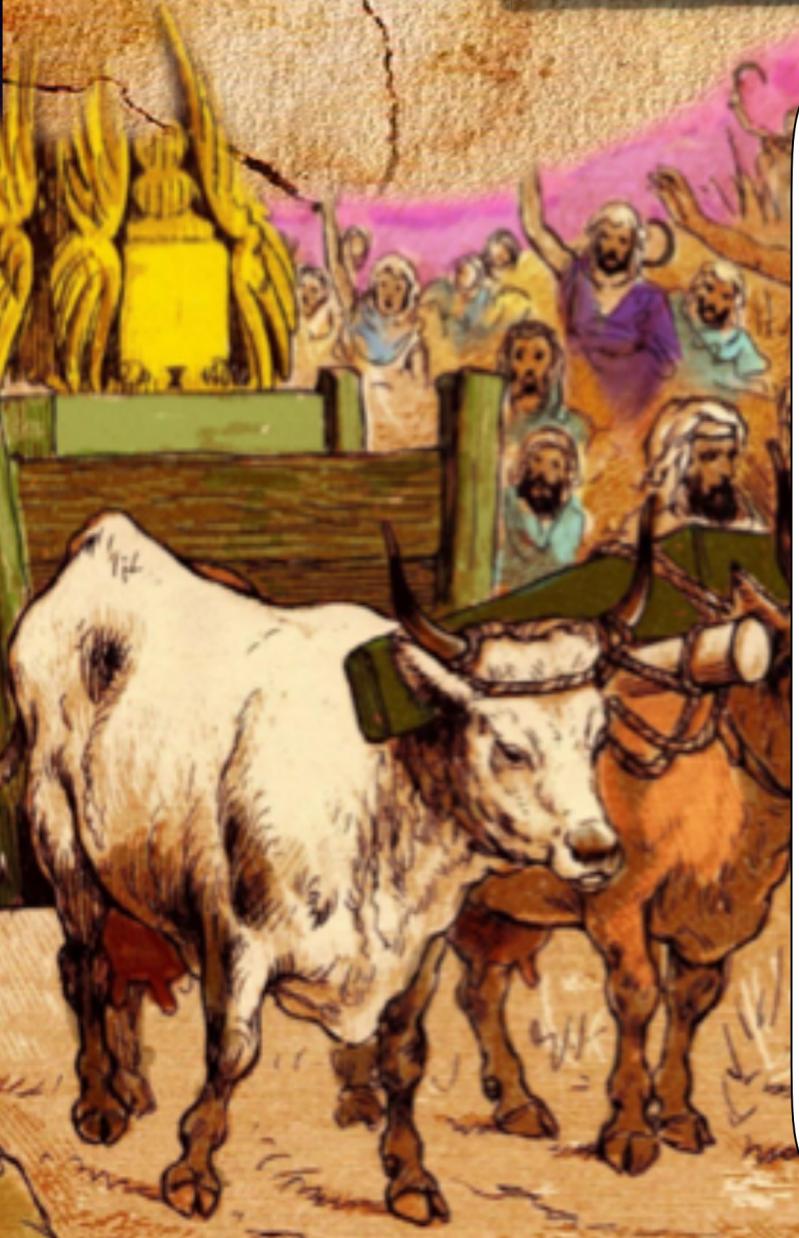
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- **Good intentions are insufficient** (1 Chron 13:2,3; Prov. 14:12; Acts 26:9–11).
 - ▶ No substitute for obedience (1 Sam 15:22,23; Mat 7:21-23)
 - ▶ A good conscience does NOT make one right (Prov 14:12; Acts 23:1)
 - ▶ Ignorance is no excuse / sins has its consequences (1 Chr 13:12; Hos 4:6).



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- **When God specifies - we CANNOT substitute.** (1 Chron 13:5-8)
 - ▶ David's best attempt to serve God according to his own thinking dishonored God instead of honoring Him (Lev 10:1-4; 1 Chron 15:2,13; Isa 55:6-9; Hos 14:9; Col. 3:17)

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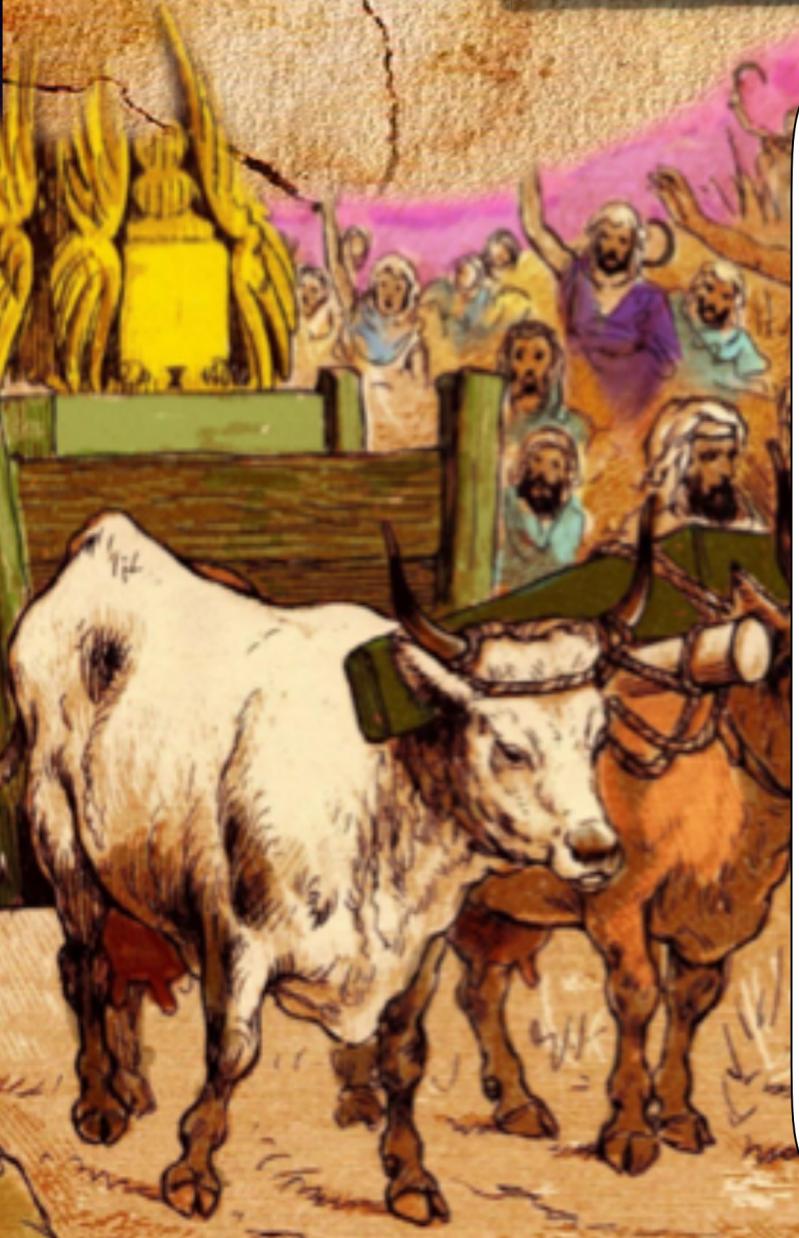
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 - ▶ Cain's offering (Gen. 4:7; Heb 11:4)
 - ▶ Nadab and Abihu's fire (Lev. 10:1,2)
 - ▶ Moses's disobedience (Num 20:8-24)
 - ▶ King Saul's failure to obey (1 Sam. 13 & 15)
 - ▶ Jeroboam's calves & priests (1 Ki. 12:25-33)
 - ▶ Uzziah's incense (2 Chr. 26:16-23)



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- **When God specifies - we CANNOT substitute.** (1 Chron 13:5-8)
 - ▶ We must remember that any substitute for what God specifies is evil, regardless of intent (cf Num 20:8,11; Matt 7:21-23; 2 Jn 9,10; Dt 4:2; 12:32; Jos 1:7; Pro 30:6; Rev 22:18,19).

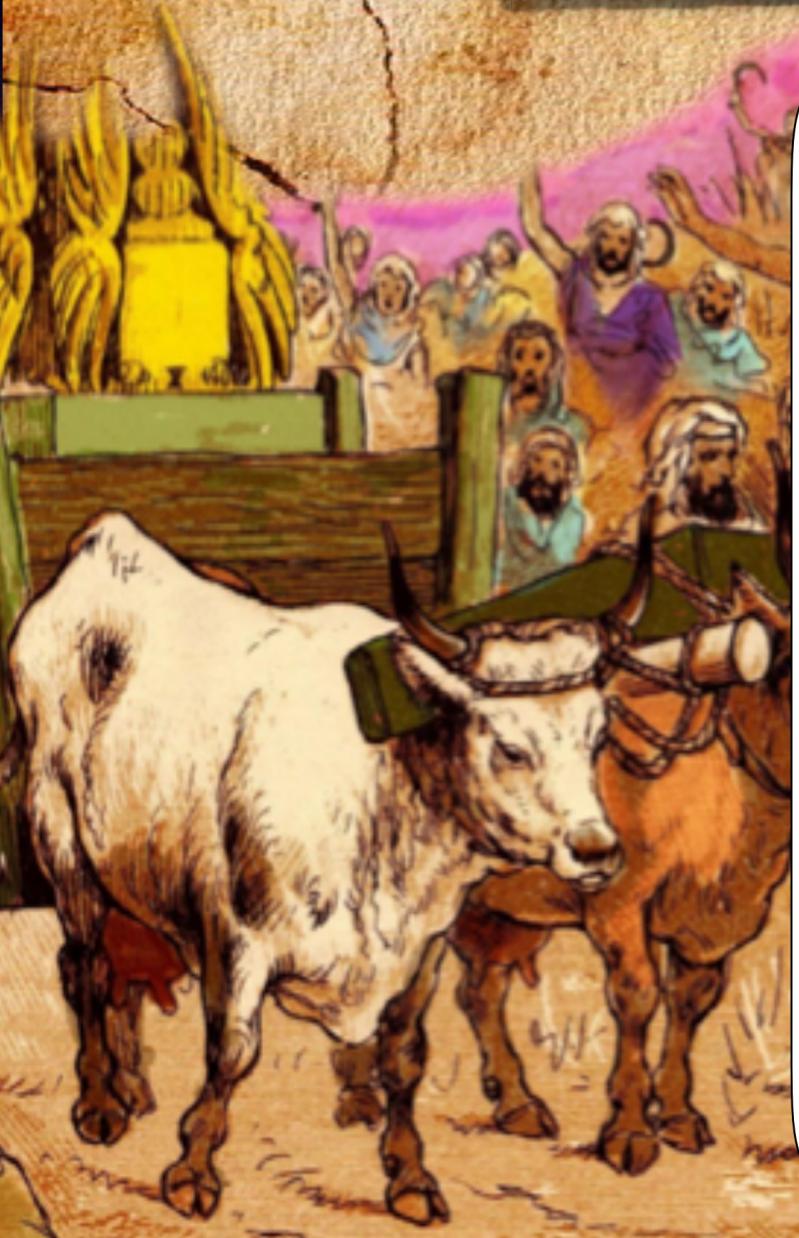
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- **When God specifies - we CANNOT substitute.** (1 Chron 13:5-8)
 - ▶ Different ways other than the one way (Mat 7:13-14; John 14:6; Acts 4:12; Prov 14:12).
 - ▶ Creeds replacing Scripture (2 Tim 3:16,17).
 - ▶ Man made doctrines instead of Christ's (Mat 15:7-9; 2 John 9-11).
 - ▶ Man made churches instead of Christ's (Mat 16:18; Eph 4:5).

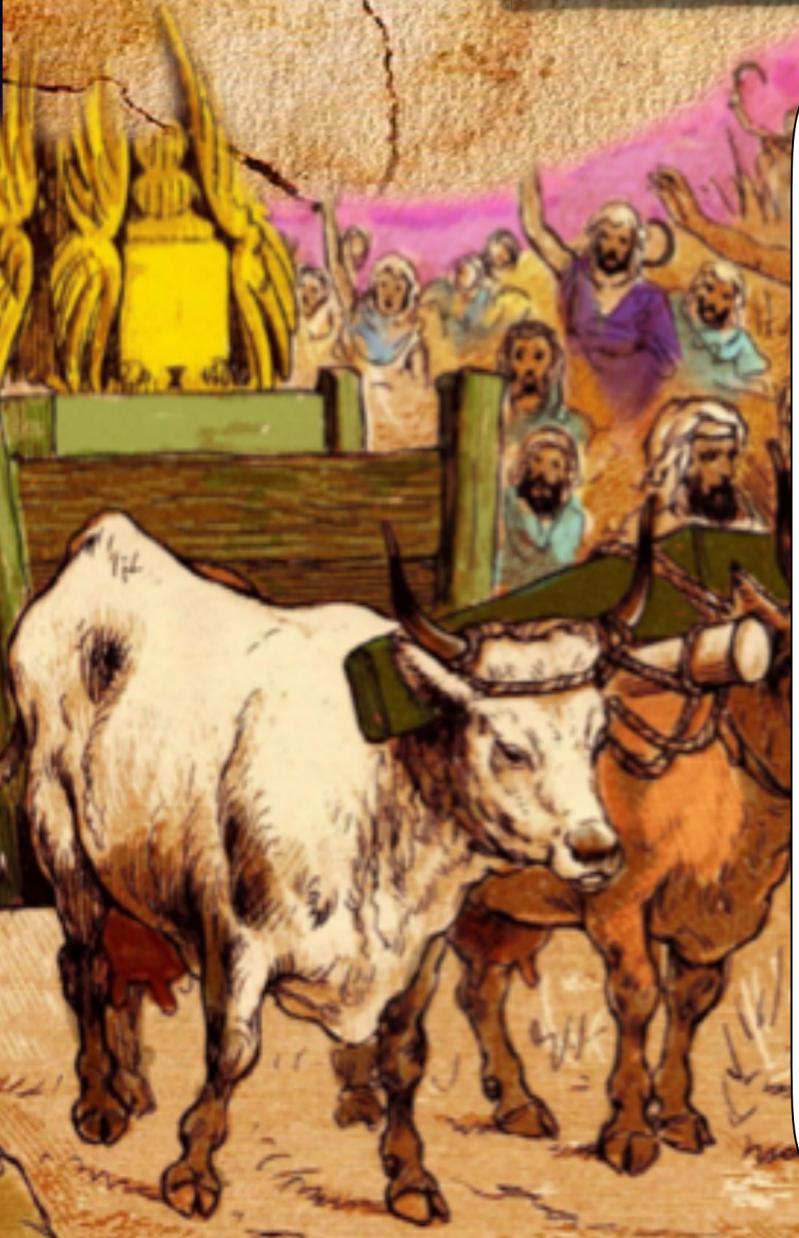
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- **When God specifies - we CANNOT substitute.** (1 Chron 13:5-8)
 - ▶ Faith only for obedience to the gospel (James 2:24; 2 Thes 1:7-9)
 - ▶ Infant Baptism, sprinkling, pouring for Believers' immersion (Mark 16:15-16; Rom 6:3-6; Col. 2:12,13).
 - ▶ Man's organizational structure instead of God's (Phili 1:1; 2 Tim 3:1-10)

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- **When God specifies - we CANNOT substitute.** (1 Chron 13:5-8)
 - ▶ Musical Instruments for Singing (Eph 5:19; Col 3:16,17).
 - ▶ Entertainment for reverential, true worship (John 4:24; Heb 12:28,29).
 - ▶ Social, recreational, secular work, not spiritual work (Rom 14:17; 2 Tim 4:2-4; 1 Tim 5:16)

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- **What happens to our worship when we put it on a New Oxcart rather than following the divine order?**
- **What happens to our work when we load it on an oxcart we have made (institutionalism) rather than following the divine order?**

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Cannot know the
mind of God except
through revelation

1 Cor 2:10, 11, 14

Eph 3:3-5

Isaiah 55:8,9

**FAITH
COMES BY
HEARING**

ROMANS 10:17

God has revealed
everything that He
wants from us

2 Pet 1:3;

2 Tim 3:16,17

Jude 3

WALKING BY FAITH MEANS WALKING BY WHAT GOD HAS SAID

2 Cor. 5:7; 1 Cor. 4:6; Gal. 1:6-9

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Matthew 21:25-26

From Heaven

Mt. 21:23-27

1 John 4:4-6

Gal. 1:6-9

Col. 2:6-10

2 Thess. 2:15

**Only Two
Possible
Sources**

From Men

Mt. 15:1-9

1 Cor. 4:6

Gal. 1:10-17

Col. 2:8

2 Thess. 2:2-4

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HOW CAN ONE PLEASE GOD?



1 Chronicles 13:12 (NKJV)
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HOW CAN ONE PLEASE GOD?



- **Consult the proper order**
(1 Chro 15:1,2; 11-13; Acts 17:11)
- **Follow the proper order**
(1 Chro. 15:14-28; 2 Timothy 2:15; James 1:22-25)

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HOW CAN ONE PLEASE GOD?



- **Hear, believe, repent, confess, be baptized** (Rom 10:17; John 8:24; Acts 17:30; Rom 10:9; Acts 2:38; 22:16; 1 Pet 3:21)
- **Serve faithfully** (1 Cor 15:58; 2 Tim 1:13; 2:5; Luke 6:46)

WALKING BY FAITH MEANS WALKING BY WHAT GOD HAS SAID

2 Cor. 5:7; 1 Cor. 4:6; Gal. 1:6-9

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And Uzzah's Error

2 Samuel 6:1-11; 1 Chronicles 13:1-14

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